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INTEREST

LONDON FOR AMB/EX, SOFIA FOR AMBASSADOR

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1. CHARLES CORDDRY OF BALTIMORE SUN QUOTED GEN. ALEXANDER  
HAIG, NATO COMMANDER, AS SAYING DESPITE WARSAW PACT NUMER-  
ICAL SUPERIORITY IN MANPOWER, THERE STILL IS "RELATIVE  
COMPARABILITY" IN MILITARY STRENGTHS OF TWO ALLIANCES.  
HAIG SAID "IT WOULD REQUIRE FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL EFFORT ON  
PART OF WARSAW PACT TO PENETRATE WESTERN DEFENSES.,  
CORDDRY INTERVIEWED HAIG AT HIS HEADQUARTERS NEAR BRUSSELS.

HAIG DISCLOSED THAT SOVIETS ARE REPLACING WHOLE RANGE OF THEIR TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS. SOVIETS, HE SAID, HAVE DEVELOPED, "AND ARE IN PROCESS OF DEPLOYING TODAY,, NEW SYSTEMS WITH GREATER EXPLOSIVE POWER, RANGE, ACCURACY AND MOBILITY, "AND THEREFORE GREATER INVULNERABILITY." HE SAID SOVIET TACTICAL AIR FORCES HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED IN FIVE YEARS FROM MAINLY DEFENSIVE AIR ARM INTO AN AWESOME OFFENSIVE FORCE, WITH MOST CURRENT EMPHASIS ON NUCLEAR MISSIONS. CORDDRY SAID "IN EMPHASIZING NEW SOVIET DEVELOPMENTS IN THEATER NUCLEAR WEAPONS, GENERAL WAS MAKING POINT THAT MOSCOW AND ITS WARSAW PACT ALLIES HAVE ALMOST GAINED

PARITY WITH WEST IN THIS FIELD. IT IS THEREFORE UNREALISTIC TO LOOK ON NATO TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS CREDIBLE DETERRENT TO AN ATTACK FROM EAST BEGUN WITH MASSIVE CONVENTIONAL FORCES. WHILE NATO WILL MODERNIZE ITS NUCLEAR ARMS, PROBABLY INCLUDING INTRODUCTION OF NEW MISSILES TO COUNTER RUSSIANS, MAIN PRESCRIPTION OF ITS MILITARY LEADERS, ENDORSED A WASHINGTON SUMMIT MEETING, IS TO BOLSTER CONVENTIONAL FORCES."

2. NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED THAT AUSTRALIA, ESTIMATED TO HAVE FIFTH OF NON-COMMUNIST WORLD'S KNOWN URANIUM DEPOSITS, SIGNED SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH FINLAND, OPENING WAY FOR THAT COUNTRY TO BUY URANIUM FROM AUSTRALIA. AGREEMENT, AUSTRALIA'S FIRST, AIMS AT INSURING THAT URANIUM WILL NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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BE DIVERTED TO NON-PEACEFUL PURPOSES. AUSTRALIA CURRENTLY IS NEGOTIATING SUCH ACCORDS WITH EURATOM, JAPAN, IRAN, PHILIPPINES, SWEDEN AND AUSTRIA, TIMES REPORTED. IAEA SAFEGUARDS ARE TO BE APPLIED UNDER TERMS OF AUSTRALIAN-FINNISH AGREEMENT.

3. GEORGE WILSON OF WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT SHAH OF IRAN HAS TOLD WASHINGTON HE WANTS TO SPEND TWO BILLION DOLLARS FOR 70 MORE F14 FIGHTER PLANES, "REQUEST WHICH PUTS ADDITIONAL STRAIN ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S EFFORTS TO REDUCE FOREIGN ARMS SALES." WILSON SAID "GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONFIRMED YESTERDAY THAT SHAH'S REQUEST HAS BEEN RECEIVED BUT IS BEING HELD UP AT STATE DEPARTMENT, PARTLY FOR FEAR OF BREAKING THROUGH 8.6 BILLION DOLLAR CEILING CARTER HAS IMPOSED FOR SUCH SALES TO NON-NATO COUNTRIES IN FISCAL YEAR 1978, WHICH ENDS SEPT. 30. ALTHOUGH THAT CEILING IS NOT IN DANGER OF BEING BROKEN AT MOMENT, WITH 4.3 BILLION DOLLARS IN ARMS DEALS CHARGED AGAINST IT TO DATE, LAST-MINUTE FLURRY OF SALES BETWEEN NOW AND SEPT. 30 IS EXPECTED TO PUSH TOTAL UP NEAR IT -- EVEN WITHOUT F14 SALE TO IRAN."

4. BALTIMORE SUN REPORTED THAT "COMPROMISING, ADMINISTRATION YESTERDAY AUTHORIZED RESUPPLY OF NUCLEAR FUEL FOR EUROPEAN ALLIES AFTER AN EMBARGO OF MORE THAN THREE MONTHS" SUN SAID DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER YESTERDAY SIGNED LETTER THAT BROKE DEADLOCK. „IN EFFECT, HE TOLD NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION THAT ASSURANCES FROM EURATOM PERMITTED U.S. TO ACT ON PENDING REQUESTS FOR NUCLEAR FUEL," SUN POINTED OUT. INFORMED SOURCES, SUN ADDED, SAID EUROPEANS OFFERED MERELY TO DISCUSS -- NOT TO NEGOTIATE -- FEW ISSUES IN FUEL RELATIONSHIP NOT COVERED BY LONG-RANGE STUDY NOW UNDER WAY. "ADMINISTRATION MADE POLITICAL DECISION TO ACCEPT IT," SUN SAID. VANCE

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